GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:945
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2016
Import of Life Saving Drugs
Azad Shri Kirti (JHA);Kundariya Shri Mohanbhai Kalyanjibhai

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether life-saving drugs for treatment of cancer, HIV and cardiac failures are likely to become costlier and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has withdrawn the exemption on customs duty on certain bulk drugs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the pharma industry is unhappy with this move;

(d) whether withdrawal of exemption pertains to customs duties which is likely to impact imported drugs and those manufactured in SEZs and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) whether the Make in India strategy will help to solve this problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS; MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Yes, Madam. The details of the bulk drugs on which Customs duty exemption has been removed by the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) is given in the attached statement.

(c) & (d): National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has received few representations from the Pharma Associations/Companies requesting for allowing commensurate increase in drug prices to absorb the increase in cost on account of withdrawal of exemptions on customs duty.
(e): The withdrawal of exemptions on customs duty on certain bulk drugs/formulations by the Government (CBEC) was done to provide a level playing field to the domestic manufacturers to make Make-in-India a success.

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STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 945 REGARDING IMPORT OF LIFE SAVING DRUGS TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2016.

Sl. No.	Description of drugs	Sl. No.	Description of drugs
1.	Allopurinol	38.	Infliximab
2.	Amiodarone	39.	Interlukin-3
3.	Amifostine	40.	Didanosine
4.	Atracurium besylate	41.	Indinavir
5.	Carbidopa with Levodopa	42.	Nelfinavir
6.	Cefoperazone	43.	Stavudine
7.	Ceftizoxime	44.	Abacavir sulphate
8.	Cefpirome	45.	Lopinavir
9.	Dacarbazine	46.	Tenofovir Disoproxil
10.	Desmopressin	47.	Cisplatin
11.	Dobutamine	48.	Dinazole
12.	Disodium Pamidronate	49.	Doxorubicin
13.	Gemcitabine	50.	Etoposide
14.	Ifosfamide	51.	Flutamide
15.	Interferon alpha-2b/interferon alpha NL(LNS)	52.	Flutamide
16.	Ketamine	53.	Ondansetran
17.	Levodopa (L-Dopa)	54.	Paclitaxel

18. Lamivudine 55. Tamoxifen citrate
19. Letrozole 56. Exemestane
20. Leuprolide Acetate 57. Recombinant Human Interferron beta I-a
21. Mercaptopurine 58. Rasburicase
22. Methyl Prednisolone 59. Posaconazole
23. Mitomycin 60. Abciximab
24. Netilmicin 61. Anti-Rabies Normal Human immunoglobulin
25. Naloxone 62. Anti-D Immunoglobulin
26. Nitroglycerine 63. Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH)
27. Micronised Progesterone or Injection 64. Filgrastim / Molgramostim (G- CSF/GM- CSF)
28. Pilocarpine 65. Imatinib Mesilate
29. Podophyllotoxin 66. Irinotecan
30. Piperacillin 67. Nalorphine
31. Pralidoxime 68. Procarbazine
32. Prazosin 69. Ritonavir
33. Streptokinase and Streptodomase preparations 70. Rivastigmine
34. Tissue Plaaminogen Activator 71. Rituximab
35. Recombinant human Erythropoietin 72. Saquinavir
36. Lopinavir plus Ritonavir (co-formulation of Lopinavir and Ritonavir) 73. Trastuzumab
37. Capecitabine

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